

MINUTES OF MEETING
PUBLIC DEFENDER SERVICES COMMISSION
JANUARY 5, 2016

The meeting of the Public Defender Services Commission was convened at 4:58 p.m., in the conference room, at the Office of Chief Public Defender, Hartford, Connecticut.

Members Present

Thomas J. Rechen, Esq., **Chair**
Honorable Julia DiCocco Dewey
Honorable William R. Dyson
Aimee Golbert, LCSW
Honorable Elpedio N. Vitale

Others Present

Susan O. Storey, Chief Public Defender
Brian S. Carlow, Deputy Chief Public Defender
Turkessa E. Antrum, Director of Human Resources
Darcy McGraw, Director
Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit,
Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill
Michael J. Isko, Public Defender
New Britain Judicial District

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to approve the minutes of the December 8, 2015 special meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go into Executive Session at 4:59 p.m. The reason

EXECUTIVE SESSION

for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 5:52 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney Alexandra Harrington to the position of Deputy Assistant Public Defender, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
ALEXANDRA HARRINGTON

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 5:54 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:12 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Attorney John R. DelBarba to the position of Supervisory Assistant Public Defender, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden). The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF ATTY.
JOHN R. DELBARBA

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:24 p.m. The reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with Section 1-200(6)(A) of the Connecticut General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 6:30 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to appoint Paul A. Farley to the position of Investigator III, New Britain Judicial District/Geographical Area 15. The effective date of the appointment is at the discretion of the Chief Public Defender.

APPOINTMENT OF
PAUL A. FARLEY

The Chief Public Defender discussed the list of attorney reappointments.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, in accordance with the recommendation of the Chief Public Defender, it was VOTED unanimously to reappoint the following attorneys to a new four-year term: Assistant Public Defender, Michael E. Paris, Geographical Area 2 (Bridgeport), expiring on 1/2/20; Assistant Public Defender, Thomas M. Conroy, Geographical Area 7 (Meriden), expiring on 1/9/20; and Assistant Public Defender, Tejas Bhatt, New Haven Judicial District, expiring on 1/16/20.

ATTORNEY
REAPPOINTMENTS

There were no permanent statuses to discuss at this meeting.

The Chief Public Defender discussed the outside employment request of Temporary Attorney, Alexandra Harrington, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

The Chief Public Defender further discussed the outside employment request of Assistant Public Defender, Natalie

Olmstead, Connecticut Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit,
Office of Chief Public Defender, Rocky Hill.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED
unanimously to approve the outside employment request of
Temporary Attorney, Alexandra Harrington, Connecticut Innocence
Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public Defender,
Rocky Hill.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED
unanimously to approve the outside employment request of
Assistant Public Defender, Natalie Olmstead, Connecticut
Innocence Project/Post Conviction Unit, Office of Chief Public
Defender, Rocky Hill.

APPROVAL OF OUTSIDE
EMPLOYMENT REQUEST

The Deputy Chief Public Defender discussed a policy
change regarding the approval of Authorizations to Incur Expenses
and invoices for child protection and juvenile matters.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED
unanimously to grant permission to the Chief Public Defender to
delegate the approval of Authorizations to Incur Expenses and
invoices for child protection and juvenile matters to the Director of
Delinquency Defense and Child Protection Services.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED
unanimously to go back into Executive Session at 6:38 p.m. The
reason for convening in Executive Session was in accordance with
Section 1-200(6)(A) and Section 1-210(b)(10) of the Connecticut
General Statutes.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

The Commission came out of Executive Session at 7:25 p.m.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED unanimously to table the Authorization to Incur Expenses in the matter of Ralph Birch vs. Warden.

TABLING OF EXPENSES

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was VOTED to approve all other Authorizations to Incur Expenses as submitted to the Commission.

APPROVAL OF EXPENSES

The Chairman of the Commission recognized the extremely valuable contribution made to the Division by the Director of Human Resources, Turkessa E. Antrum, and thanks her for her service. Additionally, the Chairman wished her well in her new position.

RECOGNITION OF
DIRECTOR OF HUMAN
RESOURCES

There being no further business to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brian S. Carlow
Deputy Chief Public Defender